

## And Sense of Humor— Her People Count

Lydia Moonin is a clerk-typist, Branch of Office Engineering, State Office, Anchorage, Alaska.

Lydia is a native of Alaska (one-half Russian and one-half Aleut); she graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska, (highschool) in 1966 and attended Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, for two years, post highschool education, which included a business course, instruction in the use of office machines, typing, shorthand.

She returned to Alaska and was employed by FAA on a temporary basis from July 68 to September 68.

In November, 1968, Miss Moonin came to work for the Bureau of Land Management as clerk-typist for Branch of Office Engineering. One of her duties was typing field notes from rough draft.

Lydia's grandfather, Reverend Nickolas Moonin, was Russian Orthodox priest at the Russian Orthodox Church in Port Graham and English Bay for many years. He still resides there and is 94 years of age. Mickey Moonin, Lydia's father, was one of twelve children.

He also resides in Port Graham on a homestead. He fishes and also is a carpenter. The village can only be reached by air or boat. There are no modern facilities.

Lydia is resigning and leaving Alaska, August 17, to go to Michigan, where she will be married. She hopes to return to Port Graham within the next year and to be able to help the people in this native village.

She states that the village needs native people with leadership ability to overcome problems.

Lydia has a good sense of humor and a deep feeling for her people. The department has enjoyed having her. Here is her farewell note to the Bureau:

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MISS LYDIA MOONIN

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## Humble Oil Gift Fund to Be Used for Orientation of Native Students at UA

COLLEGE—A Special Orientation Services Center specifically oriented toward Indian, Aleut and Eskimo students has opened at the University of Alaska.

A \$10,000 gift presented to UA President William R. Wood from the Humble Oil and Refining Company last month will fund a major portion of the program.

The check was presented by O.L. Luper, who is vice president and director for Humble. He is a trustee on Humble's Charitable Trust Foundation and chairman of the advisory committee to the Humble Education Foundation.

Also present was Robert J. Walker, Jr., of Humble's Anchorage office.

Wood said "All of us at the university are hopeful that this

program will prove to be helpful to our Native students in being able to complete their higher education."

The SOS Center, which is open to students on a voluntary basis, is a department of the Office of Student Affairs. The center offers counseling service to the student who is having trouble adjusting to campus life. In addition it provides meeting, lounging and discussion opportunities to those with mutual interest.

Tutorial help will be available to students from others who have experienced the same types of problems themselves. The main emphasis is solution of the everyday problems which interfere with a student's ability to succeed in college.

Students participating in the program will have the opportunity to travel to bush high schools to share their experiences with prospective students. Eventually the university hopes to expand the program to offer services such as a summer or fall orientation program.

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